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For : PROCESS FOR TRANSMITTING STATUS MESSAGES TO
TERMINALS OF A SATELLITE DATA TRANSMISSION SYSTEM,
IN PARTICULAR IN A SATELLITE NAVIGATION SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with parent International Patent Application No. PCT/EP02/12313. Copies of the International Search report in English and German are attached hereto. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 98/10569, which was published on March 12, 1998;

J. BENEDICTO et al., "Galileo: Satellite System Design and Technology Developments," Retrieved from ravel.esrin.esa.it/docs/Galileo_world_paper_Dec_2000.pdf on January 20, 2003. Applicant notes that this document is cited on pages 2, 4, and 12 of the specification of the present application;

U.S. Patent No. 5,153,598 to ALVES Jr., which issued on October 6, 1992;

A.J. Van DIERENDONCK et al., "The GPS Navigation Message," Principles and Operational Aspects of Precision Position Determination Systems, July 1979, pp. 6/1-21;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-004202, which was published on January 6, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,205,377 to LUPASH et al., which issued on March 20, 2001.

Applicant notes that this document is cited on pages 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the specification of the present application.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

German Patent Application Publication No. DE 199 09 576, which was published on September 16, 1999; and

German Patent Application Publication No. DE 197 32 907, which was published on February 5, 1998.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent

application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the above-noted foreign documents and articles are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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